URBAN FORESTRY BOARD JANUARY 20, 2010

Members Present: Alta Vasey Morgan, Del Vollrath, Joe Jax, John Anshus, Sandy White and Sally Schendel

Others Present: Randy Eide, Dick Henning, Bruce Heath, John Johnson

The meeting was called to order by Alta Vasey Morgan. Volunteer hours were circulated. Joe Jax moved to accept the November 2009 minutes. Del Vollrath seconded. Carried.

9th Street Mill & Overlay Project: Randy Eide presented the plan to the Board. Work will be done on 9th Street from Crescent Street to 21st Avenue. There will be 13 trees removed from boulevards. Many of them are ash trees. The project will begin in June or July, coordinating with X-Cel Energy. Replacement trees will be planted in the fall or the following spring.

<u>UW-Stout soccer field invasive species removal:</u> Bruce Heath reported that Mike Smith had done a good job of cleaning up the area. There is a plan to do replanting in the area.

<u>Items to add to the Agenda:</u> Arbor Day plans at Oaklawn School

<u>Urban Forester's Report:</u> John Johnson is getting information and updates on the Emerald Ash Borer on webcasts on the Internet. He is interested in injections and treatments.

The tree pruning is being done in North Menomonie and will be completed this winter.

The Tree City USA application has been filed. Cindy Casey stated that it was the best application she had received for the area. This will be the 20th year Menomonie has had the Tree City USA award. "Tree Campus USA" is a new program. Information was given to Mike Smith.

Joe Jax moved to purchase 4 new Tree City USA signs at approximately \$170 total. John Anshus seconded. Carried.

John Johnson will be attending a February workshop in Rochester, MN on special techniques in tree felling and planting trees near barriers.

<u>Park Superintendent's Report:</u> Dick Henning reported that he will be attending the Urban Forestry Conference in Green Bay in February. John Anshus moved to pay Dick's expenses for the conference. Del Vollrath seconded. Carried.

<u>City Council Report:</u> Randy Eide reported on the budget process.

Items for the Next Meeting: Arbor Day plans, Awards for Arbor Day, Reports on Workshops

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 17, 2010

<u>Adjournment:</u> Joe Jax moved to adjourn. John Anshus seconded. Carried. Sally Schendel, Recorder